

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 187

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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Thomas Shields
Callaghan, 2001 Valedictorian of Hendersonville
High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Shields Callaghan is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Thomas has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 5.27 weighted and 4.0 unweighted grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Thomas' numerous honors include being selected as a participant in the prestigious Governor's School for the Sciences; he has been honored as a Boys' State Delegate, as a National Merit Scholar, and as a Rotary Club Student of the Month; and

WHEREAS, As a State Champion in Geometry, Thomas achieved third place in the Region and ninth place in the State in the Advanced Topics I Contest, first in the region for Algebra I, and first in the Region for Advanced Topics II; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is an excellent student-athlete, having been named the Cross Country team's Most Valuable Player and is a valued member of the varsity swim and tennis teams; and

WHEREAS, Thomas' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Thomas' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Christopher and Pat Callaghan, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callaghan's admirable dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Thomas Shields Callaghan on being selected the 2001 Hendersonville High School Valedictorian and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause deleted from such copy.